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CIA-NSA Ties Are Defended

ELECTRA, Tex. (Special) —

Ray Farabee, Wichita Falls attorney and former president of the National Student Association, termed the controversy over NSA's relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency as "unfortunate" at a meeting of the Electra Democratic Club Monday night.

Farabee, president of the organization during 1957-58, was referring to the disclosure by a former NSA fund-raiser that the student organization has received funds from private foundations channeled through the CIA since 1952.

Farabee, along with other past presidents of the organization, said that without proper funds, NSA's international program would have been immobilized. "Yet immobilization would have been chosen if the only funds available were conditioned on impairment of the independence of any of NSA's principles or programs," Farabee added. He said CIA funds did not entail any such conditions.

The Wichitan said that each of the presidents were informed of the CIA relationship after being elected to office.

The relationship of NSA and CIA has been known to Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson and the Senate committee dealing with the CIA.

The Wichitan became president of NSA while attending law school at the University of Texas.

Other speakers on the program were Edgar P. Hancy, an attorney; Vernon McDaniel, attorney and secretary of the Wichita County Democratic Executive Committee; and A. F. (Proof) Edwards, county chairman. All are of Wichita Falls.

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